

**MINUTES
TOWN OF FORT MILL
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
June 23, 2014
7:00AM**

Present: Councilmen Huntley, Blythe, Spratt, Helms, Adams, Councilwoman Savage, Mayor Funderburk, Attorney Mack, Manager Pieper

Guests: Town Engineer, Paul Mitchell, Public Works Director, Davy Broom, Planning Director, Joe Cronin, Fire Chief, Jeff Hooper, Business Manager/Interim Municipal Clerk, Dana Powell and John Marks.

Mayor Funderburk called the meeting to order at 7:00 am and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilman Helms gave the invocation and the Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting. Councilman Helms made a motion to approve the June 9, 2014 minutes, with a second by Councilwoman Savage. The motion was approved with a 7-0 vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Funderburk opened the meeting for public comments. No comments were received. Mayor Funderburk closed the public comment section of the meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public Hearing Item for an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances for the Town of Fort Mill; Chapter 16, Environment; Article III, Stormwater Management and Sediment Control; so as to amend the Article in its entirety; to establish a Stormwater Utility Fee and credit policy; and other matters related thereto:

Mayor Funderburk opened the Public Hearing portion of the meeting. There were no speakers. Mayor Funderburk closed the Public Hearing portion of the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Second Reading: An ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances for the Town of Fort Mill; Chapter 16, Environment; Article III, Stormwater Management and Sediment Control; so as to amend the Article in its entirety; to establish a Stormwater Utility Fee and credit policy; and other matters related thereto: Councilwoman Savage noted that based on the staff write up, the fee structure compared to Rock Hill is considerably different due to the amount of commercial property available in the aforementioned cities. Councilman Huntley asks if the fee structure will be reviewed frequently. Town Engineer, Paul Mitchell advises that there will be a budget presented each year. Councilwoman Savage said that the Town is required to meet DHEC requirements, this is not something the Town chose to do. Councilman Spratt asked if the fee can be collected on an annual basis. Town Engineer Paul Mitchell advises that the county has approved the fee as part of tax fees. Councilman Spratt asked if residents can pay the fee monthly versus annually as an option. Town Manager, Dennis Pieper advises that the collection rates are much higher on the tax bill and we don't have all customers on our water system presenting billing issues for us. Councilman Spratt made a motion to approve as second reading. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Savage. The motion passed by a 7-0 vote.

NEW BUSINESS

1. First Reading: A Resolution requesting that the State of South Carolina Suspend the Certificate of Need Program for One Year: Councilwoman Savage states that the resolution is written nicely. Councilman Blythe asks if one year is long enough to move on the project. Councilwoman Savage advises that both hospitals are under one year suspension certificates. Councilman Adams made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Savage. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion to enter into executive session was made by Councilman Savage and seconded by Councilman Blythe. The vote in favor of the motion was unanimous. Council entered into executive session at 7:11 am.

Council returned to chambers and Mayor Funderburk called the meeting back to open session at 8:15 am. Mayor Funderburk stated that “no action was taken in executive session.”

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

Councilman Helms stated that the hedges at Veteran’s park need to be trimmed.

Councilman Spratt reminded everyone about the July 4th holiday.

Councilman Huntley spoke regarding the ceremony recognition done on behalf of Town Code Enforcement Officer, Wayne Hunter, within the Springfield community.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn was made by Mayor Funderburk and seconded by Councilwoman Savage. The motion to adjourn was approved unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:18 am

Respectfully submitted,

Dana Powell
Interim Municipal Clerk